

ing to be the Progressive candidate against Hughes and trying to turn his Progressive following over to the Republican candidate, but they do question his judgment, and their doubts have been amply justified by Hughes' refusal to take over the Roosevelt issues of Americanism, anti-hyphenism and preparedness.

Roosevelt early saw this attempt at "pussy-footing" and lost no occasion to say himself what Candidate Hughes was evidently unwilling to say. Roosevelt's constant repetition of his Belgian, Lusitania and other anti-German speeches have made the Hughes managers wonder whether, after all, Roosevelt is an asset or a liability. No doubt he is the latter. He has offended the German-American vote, causing them to distrust Hughes, and he has driven the peace vote nearer to Wilson by his continuous emphasis on the possible consequences of a change of administration at the present time.

The result of the election will be the effect of a public sentiment which has been four years in forming. It will not be the result of the campaign since June. The Democratic campaign has been fairly well managed, while the Republican campaign will stand in political history as an example of stupidity long to be remembered.

The principal mistakes made by Hughes' managers were: Turning the real management of campaign over to such conspicuous worthies of the "old guard" as Frank Hitchcock, Boies Penrose, Joe Kealing, Jim Heminway, Winthrop Murray Crane, Reed Smoot and William Crocker; deliberately insulting progressive leaders in the west, like Hiram Johnson, Miles Polindexter and Robert M. La Follette, dropping the Roosevelt issues and taking up insignificant, non-important matters such as the dismissal of Durand from the census office; and, finally, the general unprogressive "pussy-footing" campaign made by Hughes with the evi-

dent intention to alienate no hyphenated vote.

Add to these, Hughes' criticism of the 8-hour day, with its further alienation of the labor vote, it would seem as if the Hughes managers had been intent only on mixing their own political poison.

—O—O— GERMANS EVACUATE STRONG FORT NEAR VERDUN

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville.—Fort Vaux, on northeast front of Verdun, has been evacuated by German troops.

Petrograd.—Field Marshal Mackensen has halted his advance in Dobrudja, apparently because of shortage of men to protect long line along river Danube.

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville.—Enemy warships have shelled Rumanian Black sea port of Constanza, recently captured by Germans and Bulgarians, without success.

—O—O— PLENTY COAL. PRODUCER SAYS —BUT LOOK AT PRICES

New York, Nov. 2.—Charges that some dealers — middlemen — were squeezing out high coal prices in advance of an actual coal famine came today from city retailers.

Pres. Truesdale of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western declared producers had advanced their prices only 25 cents a ton on average and that there is no coal famine. Retail prices, however, have soared much higher.

—O—O— VILLA MAY FORCE CARRANZA FORCES FROM CHIHUAHUA

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 2.—By isolating Chihuahua City from all food supplies, munitions and troop reinforcements, Villa plans to force an evacuation of the city by Carranzistas, military men here believe today. Unless the break in railway lines is repaired within a very short time, it is generally conceded Gen. Trevino will be pushed to the extremity of leaving the capital.